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SUBJECT: USLO MEETING WITH PRCLO COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR

1. IN SOMETHING OF A FIRST IN US-PRC DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, PRCLO COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR CHANG TSIEN-HUA ACCEPTED USLO OFFICERS' INVITATION TO LUNCH AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT MAY 22. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT A PRCLO OFFICIAL BELOW AMBASSADORIAL RANK HAS AGREED TO MEET WITH USLO OFFICERS DURING HIS PEKING CONSULTATIONS. CHANG IS CURRENTLY ON HOME LEAVE AND WILL BE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON IN EARLY JULY. HE INDIRECTLY SAID THAT HIS NEXT TOUR IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE SHORTER THAN TWO YEARS.

2. ALSO ATTENDING THE LUNCH WAS MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE REPRESENTATIVE LI SHU-TE WHO HAS RECENTLY RETURNED TO DUTY AFTER SPENDING A YEAR AT A MAY 7 CADRE SCHOOL IN HONAN. LI WAS VERY ACTIVE IN HIS MINISTRY'S DEALINGS WITH AMERICANS IN 1973, BUT DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT LAST YEAR. LI WAS ALSO SEEN BY USLO OFFICERS AT THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED CANTON TRADE FAIR WHERE HE ACCOMPANIED A VISITING MEXICAN COMMERCIAL DELEGATION.

3. CONVERSATION DURING LUNCH WAS VERY CORDIAL, BUT
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